



United States Department of Agriculture



## Wildflower Walks on the Shawnee National Forest

### 2015 Summer and Fall Schedule

*Led by Naturalist Chris Benda (Illinois Botanizer)*

**Hike #1 –July 12 at 1:00pm**      **Rim Rock**, Karbers Ridge, IL  
*Meet at parking lot and trailhead on Karbers Ridge Road*

**Hike #2 –July 26 at 1:00pm**      **Cave Hill**, Harrisburg, IL  
*Meet at the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters building in Harrisburg*

**Hike #3 –August 8 at 11:00am**      **Bell Smith Springs**, Ozark, IL  
*Meet at the parking lot and trailhead*

**Hike #4 –October 24 at 11:00am**      **Atwood Ridge**, Jonesboro, IL  
*Meet at the Shawnee National Forest office in Jonesboro*

**Hike #5 –October 25 at 1:00pm**      **Lusk Creek Canyon Wilderness**, Eddyville, IL  
*Meet at the gas station in Eddyville*

Plants are everywhere and we literally depend on them for survival, yet many do not know how to identify them. During the Wildflower Walks, participants will learn how to identify common plants and flowers while visiting beautiful natural areas in the Shawnee National Forest. Participants will be provided handouts about plant identification terminology, field guides and web resources, along with information on invasive species.

All of the hikes will last up to 4 hours. No previous experience is necessary. Reservations are not required but are encouraged. The hikes will be limited to the first 20 participants. To reserve your spot for any of the hikes, contact Chris Benda at [botanizer@gmail.com](mailto:botanizer@gmail.com).

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